

MINUTES
WEST WARWICK SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 8, 2015
JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL
WEBSTER KNIGHT DRIVE
5:30 P.M.

This meeting was called to order by Stephen H. Lawton, Chairperson.

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| Members Present: | Stephen Lawton, Chairperson Rene Coutu, Clerk Patricia Keenan |
| Members Absent: | Christopher Messier, Vice-Chairperson Luis Colon |
| School Committee | |
| Attorney Present: | Aubrey Lombardo |
| Administrators Present: | Karen Tarasevich, Superintendent of Schools Jeffrey Guiot, Principal, John F. Deering Middle School Gregory Kortick, Athletic Director Nicole L'Etoile, Assistant Principal, West Warwick High School James Monti, Director of Educational Reform, Compliance and Technology Jessica Perry, Maisie Quinn School Administrator/ Assistant to the Director of Special Education Keith Remillard, Director of Federal Programming and Innovative Practice Philip Solomon, Principal, West Warwick High School Joseph Spagna, Director of Financial Operations Kenneth Townsend, Director of Property Services Paul Vigeant, Director of Special Education and Pupil/Personnel Services |
| Recording Secretary: | Michelle M. Colozzo |

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1. Open Session

Open Session

Mr. Lawton opened the meeting at 5:30 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Roll Call

The following members were present: Mr. Lawton, Mr. Coutu, and Mrs. Keenan. Mr. Messier and Mr. Colon were absent.

3. Motion to go into Executive Session

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION ACCORDING TO RI GENERAL LAWS 42-46-4 AND 42-46-5, SUBSECTION (A),

MOTION

- **COUNCIL 94 NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE
RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2)**
- **ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS:
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – WEST
WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL AND
PRINCIPAL – GREENBUSH
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RIGL 42-46-
5(a)(1)**
- **PERSONNEL: DISCUSSION: HUMAN
RESOURCES DIRECTOR POSITION RIGL
42-46-5(a)(1)**
- **PERSONNEL: DISCUSSION:
RESIGNATION: PRINCIPAL –
GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1)**

Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

The School Committee met in Executive Session.

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4. Open Session

Open Session

Mr. Lawton opened the public session at 6:32 P.M.

5. Roll Call

Roll Call

The following members were present: Mr. Lawton, Mr. Coutu, and Mrs. Keenan. Mr. Messier and Mr. Colon were absent.

6. Reading of Mission Statement

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Mrs. Keenan read the Mission Statement of the West Warwick Public Schools.

The West Warwick Public Schools, in partnership with the entire community, is dedicated to providing all learners with access and opportunity to a challenging comprehensive education while developing 21st Century Skills in a safe, personalized learning environment.

7. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Coutu led the Pledge of Allegiance.

8. Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes

Motion to Seal Executive Session Minutes

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE SEAL THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

9. Student Representative

Student Representative

Jadiana Trochez, President of the Student Council at West Warwick High School, reported on upcoming events at West Warwick High School including the following:

- West Warwick High School has received an award from the Rhode Island Blood Center. The next blood drive will be Friday,

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September 18th, from 7:30 to 1:30 in the high school gym; every pint donated saves three lives.

- The Homecoming Pep Rally will be held on Friday, October 23rd from 6 to 8 in the high school gym. The annual homecoming dance will be held on Saturday, October 24th, from 6:30 to 10:30 P.M. in the high school gym. Fall sports are off to a great start, and they are expecting a large crowd for the first home game.

10. Audience of Citizens

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None.

11. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson's Report

a) Welcome Back Community

b) Football Field Progress

Mr. Lawton welcomed teachers, administrators, especially students—2016 is going to be a super year for the kids. He is looking forward to them playing good sports, getting good grades and graduating in June. Mr. Lawton asked Mr. Townsend to talk about other projects in place throughout the district.

Mr. Townsend spoke about the following topics:

- Greenbush Boilers
- Fire upgrades at High School
- New LED lighting
- Interior Doors at Quinn
- Lighting at Middle School
- Handrails and guards across the district to meet fire code
- Quinn Boilers
- New roof at administration building
- Security lighting at Horgan and Middle School
- Three new classrooms at Quinn School
- Football lighting
- Bleachers

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12. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent's Report

a) Opening of School

b) HPV Vaccine

Mrs. Tarasevich said she wanted to welcome everyone back. It's been a great start to the school year; a lot of folks work hard all summer, custodial staff and maintenance workers. They don't stop all summer. It's always good to see schools on time with the buildings and programs and teachers ready. She is excited about this year and everything it has to bring. School opened smoothly; there were the typical little problems but nothing we won't work out within a couple of days.

Mrs. Tarasevich said an update on the traffic flow at Greenbush is the traffic commission did meet. She said she wasn't able to attend; but Mr. Townsend was there on her behalf. The situation was discussed and a few possible potential solutions were put on the table as worth looking into, and they will report back. Mrs. Tarasevich thanked Mr. Townsend.

Regarding the HPV vaccine, the Department of Health had five community meetings scheduled.

Mrs. Tarasevich said none were close to us, so she asked them to have one here. They scheduled a meeting here, and it was all set up and ready to go for 6:30 P.M. At 6:10 P.M., we got a call from the Department of Health that they had cancelled the meeting. Mrs. Tarasevich said at that time we weren't aware, but it has since been publicized in the press, that there had been some threats made against them and the director in particular so they cancelled the meeting. About 15 people had shown up for the meeting; any inconvenience was not up to us—it was a very very last minute situation. The Department of Health is saying it is still mandated, but they don't want to exclude kids from school. Parents have a few options: they can get the vaccination or sign a medical or religious waiver which includes philosophical reasons.

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Mrs. Tarasevich said it is great to have the schools open and she looks forward to another year.

13. Consent Agenda

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a) **Approval: Executive Session Minutes: August 11, 2015**

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b) **Approval: Open Session Minutes: August 11, 2015**

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c) **Approval: Payment of Bills: \$817,734.56**

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d) **Approval: Home Instruction Plans**

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan, for discussion.

Mrs. Keenan asked a question about a check made out to the West Warwick Public Schools on the bills voucher—what was that for? Mr. Spagna said that was from the nutrition fund—that is a cash fund, and at the end of the year we settle up and transfer the cash.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

14. Discussion/Approval: Amended FY 16 Budget

Discussion/Approval: Amended FY 16 Budget

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that there be a discussion/approval of the amended FY 16 Budget. She said Mr. Spagna is here to tell us about the specific change in the budget.

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Mr. Spagna said basically the projected enrollment was 3446 as of March 2015. Then the governor's final numbers came out, and we were 68 students short of that. Mr. Spagna said we have reduced our revenue and reduced expenditures to balance that with our enrollments. Our out-of-district enrollment is down due to the good work done by Special Education and we were able to absorb that amount of money in that line item.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE AMENDED FY 16 BUDGET. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

15. Discussion/Approval: Request to Change Vendor Payment Procedure

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that there be discussion/approval of the request to change the vendor payment procedure. She said Mr. Spagna is here to describe the slight change in the procedure that he would like to make.

Mr. Spagna said those vendors have provided services—it seems kind of backwards requesting approval even though we have to pay them. To avoid late fees, we want to pay bills twice a month for items already in the budget which have been approved. Mr. Spagna said he would like the ability to pay the bills that have already been approved in the budget and still provide the School Committee with the vouchers. Anything not in the budget, he would hold for approval by the committee. Mr. Spagna said this seems like a good way to save money on late fees.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE REQUEST TO CHANGE THE VENDOR PAYMENT PROCEDURE. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the

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affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, and
Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

**16. Discussion/Approval:
Reappropriation of
Cumulative Fund
Balance for
Technology and
Curriculum Needs**

**Discussion/Approval: Reappropriation of
Cumulative Fund Balance for Technology and
Curriculum Needs**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that there be discussion/approval of the Reappropriation of Cumulative Fund Balance for Technology and Curriculum Needs. She said this is as noted in the separate memos in the School Committee packet: one addressing technical needs and one addressing curriculum needs. Mrs. Tarasevich said it has been quite a while since we have been able to spend money on curriculum. This would be for K-8 Social Studies and Science classroom resources as well as some funds for professional development. For technology, we are requesting surplus funds to purchase 130 projectors and 50 document cameras, some new and some to replace existing ones.

Mr. Monti said it is pretty straightforward; they have been working with teachers over the last three years to revise the curriculum—we have been working on a Social Studies and Science curriculum. We don't have the resources to implement all of our curriculum needs. We went through major revisions. These are really to take a lot of the units we have developed and provide teachers resources to implement them. It's the next step we need in terms of implementation. One of the things we have talked about with Mrs. Tarasevich and Mr. Spagna is that it will be incremental; if we don't implement a unit, we won't spend the money; we will take it slowly.

MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN
THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE
THE REAPPROPRIATION OF THE
CUMULATIVE FUND BALANCE FOR
TECHNOLOGY AND CURRICULUM NEEDS.**

Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu,

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Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Mrs. Tarasevich thanked Mr. Monti. She said we are very excited; it's a living curriculum and it will be great to see it played out. Thank you very much.

17. Discussion/Approval: Bid Awards

Discussion/Approval: Bid Awards

- a) Bleachers – West Warwick High School
Football Field**
- b) Stadium Lighting – West Warwick High School
Football Field**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee table the following bid awards:

- a) Bleachers – West Warwick High School Football Field
- b) Stadium Lighting – West Warwick High School Football Field

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TABLE THE FOLLOWING BID AWARDS:

- a) BLEACHERS – WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD**
- b) STADIUM LIGHTING – WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD**

Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

18. Discussion: Resolution Re: HPV Vaccine Mandate

Discussion: Resolution Re: HPV Vaccine Mandate

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that there be a discussion of a resolution regarding the HPV Vaccine Mandate. She said as noted in the School Committee packets, there's a copy of a resolution signed by the Coventry School Department regarding the HPV Vaccine. Mrs. Tarasevich said the ACLU has sent a

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letter to all of the districts asking the districts to write a resolution asking Governor Raimondo to withdraw this as a mandate and let it be a family choice. It outlines the mandate and asks that we consider signing a similar resolution.

Mrs. Keenan said she is certainly in favor of this. About all we can do is propose they not have a mandate. She thinks if enough school districts do it, they may reconsider it being a mandate. Mrs. Keenan said she doesn't believe it's the government's position to mandate parents; it's kind of bypassing the parents and ordering that this vaccine be given to children. She believes it's the parent's responsibility. She would be in favor of a resolution.

Mr. Lawton said he is o.k. with that. Mr. Coutu said he is in favor of drawing something up.

19. Approval: Out-of-State Field Trips

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the out-of-state field trip request submitted by the Grade 3 Teachers at Wakefield Hills Elementary School to travel by school bus with students to Plimoth Plantations, Plymouth, MA, on November 13, 2015.

MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN
THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE
THE OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST
SUBMITTED BY THE GRADE 3 TEACHERS
AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL TO TRAVEL BY SCHOOL BUS WITH
STUDENTS TO PLIMOTH PLANTATIONS,
PLYMOUTH, MA, ON NOVEMBER 13, 2015.**

Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the out-of-state field trip request

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submitted by the World Language Teachers at West Warwick High School to travel by commercial bus with students to Rockefeller Center in New York City on November 14, 2015.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST SUBMITTED BY THE WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHERS AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL TO TRAVEL BY COMMERCIAL BUS WITH STUDENTS TO ROCKEFELLER CENTER IN NEW YORK CITY ON

NOVEMBER 14, 2015. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

20. **Approval: First Reading: Revised Early College Access Policy**

Approval: First Reading: Revised Early College Access Policy

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the first reading of the revised Early College Access Policy for the West Warwick Public Schools. She said if you recall, the School Committee did approve this at the last two meetings, but we found an error in the language and we corrected it.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF THE REVISED EARLY COLLEGE ACCESS POLICY. Motion seconded

by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

21. **Approval: Memorandum of Agreement with Council 94, Local 3546**

Approval: Memorandum of Agreement with Council 94, Local 3546

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Council 94, Local 3546.

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH COUNCIL 94, LOCAL 3546. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

**22. Discussion/Approval:
School Physician
Contract with
Thundermist Health
Center**

Discussion/Approval: School Physician Contract with Thundermist Health Center

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the School Physician Contract with Thundermist Health Center for a three-year period.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN CONTRACT WITH THUNDERMIST HEALTH CENTER FOR A THREE (3) YEAR PERIOD. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu, for discussion.

Mrs. Keenan said she knows Thundermist is local, but she asked if there were any other facilities contacted. Mrs. Tarasevich asked Mr. Vigeant how long we have had a contract with Thundermist, and Mr. Vigeant said as long as 10 years. Mrs. Tarasevich said we have a long relationship and have been quite satisfied with their services and the cost. Mr. Vigeant said they also have certifications around other programs with kids and families that we collaborate on.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

**23. Discussion/Approval:
School Committee
Resolution Re: Gun-
Free Schools**

Discussion/Approval: School Committee Resolution Re: Gun-Free Schools

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee table this item.

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MOTION

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TABLE THIS ITEM.

Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion to table passed 3 to 0.

**24. Discussion/Approval:
Amendment to School
Committee Meeting
Schedule**

**Discussion/Approval: Amendment to School
Committee Meeting Schedule**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that there be discussion/approval of amending the School Committee meeting schedule.

The School Committee discussed changing the dates of the October, November, and December meetings.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AMEND THE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS: THE NEW MEETING DATES WILL BE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, AND WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

**25. Approval: Maternity
Leaves**

Approval: Maternity Leaves:

**a) Grade 1 Teacher – Greenbush Elementary
School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the maternity leave request submitted by Jeanne Greco, Grade 1 Teacher at Greenbush Elementary School, effective approximately 9/26/15 to 1/1/16.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE

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**THE MATERNITY LEAVE REQUEST
SUBMITTED BY JEANNE GRECO, GRADE 1
TEACHER AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE APPROXIMATELY
9/26/15 TO 1/1/16.** Motion seconded by Rene Coutu.
The following members voted in the affirmative:
Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton.
Motion passed 3 to 0.

b) Grade 5 Teacher – John F. Deering Middle School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the maternity leave request submitted by Tessa Nunes, Grade 5 Teacher at John F. Deering Middle School effective approximately 10/19/15 to 1/8/16.

MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN
THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE
THE MATERNITY LEAVE REQUEST
SUBMITTED BY TESSA NUNES, GRADE 5
TEACHER AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE
SCHOOL EFFECTIVE APPROXIMATELY
10/19/15 TO 1/8/16.** Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

26. Acceptance of Resignations

Acceptance of Resignations

a) Principal – Greenbush Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended with great regret that the School Committee accept the resignation of Brian Ackerman from the position of Principal at Greenbush Elementary School, effective 9/11/15. She said that he will be leaving to go to another district.

MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN
THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT
WITH GREAT REGRET THE RESIGNATION
OF BRIAN ACKERMAN FROM THE POSITION
OF PRINCIPAL AT GREENBUSH**

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE 9/11/15.

Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

Mrs. Tarasevich said she can't thank him enough, and we will miss him greatly.

**b) .5 Math Middle/Secondary Tutorial Teacher –
Maisie E. Quinn School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended with great regret that the School Committee accept the resignation of Marcelline Zambuco from the position of .5 Math Middle/Secondary Tutorial Teacher at Maisie E. Quinn School effective 8/11/15. She said that Mrs. Zambuco has been with us for a long time as a teacher, and upon retirement, she stayed with us as a .5 Alternative Teacher at Maisie Quinn School and did a phenomenal job. Mrs. Tarasevich said we will miss her; she was a great part of the school community.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT WITH GREAT REGRET THE RESIGNATION OF MARCELLINE ZAMBUCO FROM THE POSITION OF .5 MATH MIDDLE/SECONDARY TUTORIAL TEACHER AT MAISIE E. QUINN SCHOOL EFFECTIVE 8/11/15. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

**c) Special Education Partial Self-Contained
Grade 1 Inclusion Teacher – Wakefield Hills
Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended with great regret that the School Committee accept the resignation of Alana Guadagnoli from the position of Special Education

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Partial Self-Contained Grade 1 Inclusion Teacher at Wakefield Hills Elementary School effective 8/12/15.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT WITH GREAT REGRET THE RESIGNATION OF ALANA GUADAGNOLI FROM THE POSITION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PARTIAL SELF-CONTAINED GRADE 1 INCLUSION TEACHER AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EFFECTIVE 8/12/15. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

d) Art Teacher – West Warwick High School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of Michael Ledoux from the position of Art Teacher at West Warwick High School effective 8/31/15.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL LEDOUX FROM THE POSITION OF ART TEACHER AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL EFFECTIVE 8/31/15. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

e) Library/Media Teacher – John F. Horgan Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of Deirdre Carlino from the position of Library/Media Teacher at John F. Horgan Elementary School effective 8/10/15.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT

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**THE RESIGNATION OF DEIRDRE CARLINO
FROM THE POSITION OF LIBRARY/MEDIA
TEACHER AT JOHN F. HORGAN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE 8/10/15.**

Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

**f) .5 Social Worker – Wakefield Hills and Maisie
Quinn Elementary Schools**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of Nadia Bordieri from the position of .5 Social Worker at Wakefield Hills and Maisie Quinn Elementary Schools.

MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE
RESIGNATION OF NADIA BORDIERI FROM
THE POSITION OF .5 SOCIAL WORKER AT
WAKEFIELD HILLS AND MAISIE QUINN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS EFFECTIVE 8/24/15.**

Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

**g) Part-Time (A.M.) General Clerk – John F.
Horgan Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of Diane Hoover from the position of Part-Time (A.M.) General Clerk at John F. Horgan Elementary School effective 8/14/15.

MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE
RESIGNATION OF DIANE HOOVER FROM
THE POSITION OF PART-TIME (A.M.)
GENERAL CLERK AT JOHN F. HORGAN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EFFECTIVE 8/14/15.**

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Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

h) Part-Time (A.M.) General Clerk – Wakefield Hills Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of Debra Miller from the position of Part-Time (A.M.) General Clerk at Wakefield Hills Elementary School effective 8/21/15.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF DEBRA MILLER FROM THE POSITION OF PART-TIME (A.M.) GENERAL CLERK AT WAKEFIELD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EFFECTIVE 8/21/15.

Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

i) Part-Time Teacher Assistant – John F. Horgan Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of Mihaela Levesque from the position of Part-Time Teacher Assistant at John F. Horgan Elementary School effective 8/25/15.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MIHAELA LEVESQUE FROM THE POSITION OF PART-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT AT JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EFFECTIVE 8/21/15.

Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu,

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Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

j) Part-Time Teacher Assistant – Maisie E. Quinn School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of Lauren Henderson from the position of Part-Time Teacher Assistant at Maisie E. Quinn School effective 8/27/15.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF LAUREN HENDERSON FROM THE POSITION OF PART-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT AT MAISIE E. QUINN SCHOOL EFFECTIVE 8/27/15. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

k) Part-Time Teacher Assistant – Greenbush Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of Colleen Duffy from the position of Part-Time Teacher Assistant at Greenbush Elementary School effective 8/31/15.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF COLLEEN DUFFY FROM THE POSITION OF PART-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANT AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EFFECTIVE 8/31/15. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

l) Yearbook Advisor – John F. Deering Middle School

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Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee accept the resignation of Tracy LeFort from the position of Yearbook Advisor at John F. Deering Middle School effective 8/26/15.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF TRACY LEFORT FROM THE POSITION OF YEARBOOK ADVISOR AT JOHN F. DEERING MIDDLE SCHOOL EFFECTIVE 8/26/15. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

**27. Consent to
Superintendent's
Appointments**

Consent to Superintendent's Appointments

**a) Principal – Greenbush Elementary School
(FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Derrick Ciesla to the position of Principal at Greenbush Elementary School effective 9/8/15.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DERRICK CIESLA TO THE POSITION OF PRINCIPAL AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EFFECTIVE 9/8/15. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant provided background on Derrick Ciesla's education and experience.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

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The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Derrick Ciesla.

b) Assistant Principal – West Warwick High School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Michael Mascellino to the position of Assistant Principal at West Warwick High School effective 8/31/15.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL MASCELLINO TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant provided background information on Michael Mascellino's education and experience.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Michael Mascellino.

c) Art Teacher – John F. Horgan Elementary School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Rachel Montanaro to the position of Art Teacher at John F. Horgan Elementary School effective 8/31/15.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF RACHEL MONTANARO

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TO THE POSITION OF ART TEACHER AT JOHN F. HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EFFECTIVE 8/31/15. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant provided background information on Rachel Montanaro's education and experience.

The following members voted in the affirmative:
Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton.
Motion passed 3 to 0.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Rachel Montanaro.

d) .5 Math Middle/Secondary Tutorial Teacher – Maisie E. Quinn School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Dena DiSano to the position of .5 Math Middle/Secondary Tutorial Teacher at Maisie E. Quinn School effective 8/31/15.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DENA DISANO TO THE POSITION OF .5 MATH MIDDLE/SECONDARY TUTORIAL TEACHER AT MAISIE E. QUINN SCHOOL EFFECTIVE 8/31/15. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant provided background information on Dena DiSano's education and experience.

The following members voted in the affirmative:
Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton.
Motion passed 3 to 0

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Dena DiSano.

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e) .6 Science Teacher – West Warwick High School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Jean Rattle to the position of .6 Science Teacher at West Warwick High School effective 8/31/15.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JEAN RATTLE TO THE POSITION OF .6 SCIENCE TEACHER AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL EFFECTIVE 8/31/15. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant provided background information on Jean Rattle's education and experience.

The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Jean Rattle.

f) Long-Term Substitute Music Teacher – West Warwick High School (FUNDING SOURCE: LOCAL)

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Katherine Hammersley to the position of Long-Term Substitute Music Teacher at West Warwick High School effective 9/1/15 – 1/22/16.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KATHERINE HAMMERSLEY TO THE POSITION OF LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE MUSIC TEACHER AT WEST WARWICK HIGH

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SCHOOL EFFECTIVE 9/1/15 – 1/22/16. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant said Ms. Hammersley was not present.

The following members voted in the affirmative:
Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton.
Motion passed 3 to 0.

g) Part-Time Custodian – Maisie E. Quinn School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Kenneth Townsend II to the position of Part-Time Custodian at Maisie E. Quinn School effective immediately.

MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN
THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE
ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE
APPOINTMENT OF KENNETH TOWNSEND II
TO THE POSITION OF PART-TIME
CUSTODIAN AT MAISIE E. QUINN SCHOOL
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.** Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

**h) Four (4) Part-Time Special Education Teacher
Assistants – Greenbush Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointments of the following individuals to the positions of Part-Time Special Education Teacher Assistants at Greenbush Elementary School: Ashley Brindamour, Patrick Mannix, Amanda Paul, and Lindsay Pontbriand effective immediately.

MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN
THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE
ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE
APPOINTMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING**

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INDIVIDUALS TO THE POSITIONS OF PART-TIME SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER ASSISTANTS AT GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: ASHLEY BRINDAMOUR, PATRICK MANNIX, AMANDA PAUL AND LINDSAY PONTBRIAND EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Motion seconded by Rene Coutu.

Mr. Vigeant said none of these individuals are present tonight.

The following members voted in the affirmative:
Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton.
Motion passed 3 to 0.

i) Two (2) Part-Time Special Education Teacher Assistants – Maisie E. Quinn School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointments of Elizabeth Coleman and Jill Senerchia to the positions of Part-Time Teacher Assistants at Maisie E. Quinn School effective immediately.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENTS OF ELIZABETH COLEMAN AND JILL SENERCHIA TO THE POSITIONS OF PART-TIME TEACHER ASSISTANTS AT MAISIE E. QUINN SCHOOL EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan.

Mr. Vigeant provided background information on Elizabeth Coleman's education and experience.

The following members voted in the affirmative:
Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton.
Motion passed 3 to 0.

The School Committee congratulated and welcomed Elizabeth Coleman.

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**j) Part-Time Teacher Assistant/Building Floater –
John F. Horgan Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Melissa Angolano to the position of Part-Time Teacher Assistant/Building Floater at John F. Horgan Elementary School effective 8/31/15.

MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN
THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE
ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE
APPOINTMENT OF MELISSA ANGOLANO TO
THE POSITION OF PART-TIME TEACHER
ASSISTANT/BUILDING FLOATER AT JOHN F.
HORGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
EFFECTIVE 8/31/15.** Motion seconded by Rene
Coutu, for discussion.

Mr. Vigeant said Melissa was not able to join us tonight.

The following members voted in the affirmative:
Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton.
Motion passed 3 to 0.

**k) Part-Time Kindergarten Teacher Assistant –
John F. Horgan Elementary School**

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee provide advice and consent to the appointment of Felicia Gauvin to the position of Part-Time Kindergarten Teacher Assistant at John F. Horgan Elementary School effective 9/8/15.

MOTION

**MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROVIDE ADVICE
AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF
FELICIA GAUVIN TO THE POSITION OF
PART-TIME KINDERGARTEN TEACHER
ASSISTANT AT JOHN F. HORGAN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EFFECTIVE 9/8/15.** Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan, for discussion.

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Mr. Vigeant said Ms. Gauvin is not here tonight.

The following members voted in the affirmative:
Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton.
Motion passed 3 to 0.

28. Approval of Contract

Approval of Contract: Principal – Greenbush Elementary School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the contract of Derrick Ciesla, Principal of Greenbush Elementary School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY RENE COUTU THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONTRACT OF DERRICK CIESLA, PRINCIPAL OF GREENBUSH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Patricia Keenan. The following members voted in the affirmative: Patricia Keenan, Rene Coutu, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

29. Approval of Contract

Approval of Contract: Assistant Principal – West Warwick High School

Mrs. Tarasevich recommended that the School Committee approve the contract of Michael Mascellino, Assistant Principal at West Warwick High School.

MOTION

MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPROVE THE CONTRACT OF MICHAEL MASCELLINO, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL. Motion seconded by Rene Coutu. The following members voted in the affirmative: Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen Lawton. Motion passed 3 to 0.

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30. Adjournment

MOTION

Adjournment

**MOTION MADE BY PATRICIA KEENAN
THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE ADJOURN
THE MEETING.** Motion seconded by Rene Coutu.
The following members voted in the affirmative:
Rene Coutu, Patricia Keenan, and Stephen H. Lawton.
Motion passed 3 to 0.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rene Coutu, Clerk

Michelle M. Colozzo, Recorder